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KINSHASA FOR DAO FROM AMBASSADOR CRIGLER

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, RW
SUBJ: ASSISTANCE TO RWANDAN ARMY

REF: KIGALI 578 (NOTAL)

1. PLEASE ADVISE RUSATIRA FOR ME PERSONALLY THAT CONSULTATIONS ALREADY CARRIED OUT HERE WITH SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS FROM WASHINGTON, BOTH STATE AND DEFENSE, HAVE STRONGLY RECONFIRMED NEW POLICY LINES AIMED AT REDUCING ARMS TRANSFERS -- IMPLICATIONS OF WHICH I HAVE ALREADY MADE KNOWN TO RUSATIRA. REPEAT TO HIM MY HONEST CONVICTION THAT RWANDA HAS NO CHANCE WHATEVER OF BEING ADDED TO US MILITARY ASSISTANCE LIST AT THIS TIME, AND THEREFORE I CAN ONLY PREDICT TRIP TO WASHINGTON WILL BE FRUITLESS.

2. I HAVE HOWEVER DISCOVERED ONE POSSIBLY EXCEPTIONAL AREA, THAT OF MILITARY TRAINING IN DEVELOPMENT-RELATED SKILLS. I INTEND PURSUE THIS POSSIBILITY INTENSIVELY DURING CONSULTATIONS, BUT I DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THIS POSSIBILITY SUFFICIENTLY "RIPE" NOW TO JUSTIFY
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HIS TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON.

3. IF DESPITE FOREGOING RUSATIRA GOES AHEAD WITH PLANS VISIT WASHINGTON DURING MY CONSULTATION, YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT AF/C BUCHANAN AND I WILL BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIM ON JUNE 13 OR 14. WE WILL DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON CONTACTS FOR HIS PURPOSES.

BUT YOU SHOULD AGAIN CAUTION HIM THAT THESE OFFICIALS
ARE MOST UNLIKELY TO OFFER ANY MORE ENCOURAGEMENT THAN
SENIOR POLICY MAKERS WITH WHOM I HAVE CONSULTED DURING
PAST WEEK IN ABIDJAN. PLEASE ADVISE AF/C OF RUSATIRA'S
ULTIMATE DECISION.

4. REQUEST YOU MAKE SIMILAR PRESENTATION IN MY NAME TO
BUREGEYA.

5. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF DEGREE TO
WHICH MOST RECENT DATT VISIT SERVED TO DAMPEN (OR
ENCOURAGE) RWANDAN HOPES FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. SUGGEST
YOU REPEAT YOUR ASSESSMENT, AS WELL AS REFTEL, TO
KINSHASA FOR DAO.
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